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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
BRAZIL**

**Exchange of letters constituting an agreement concerning
trade in salted cattle hides, leather and manufactured
leather products. Brasília, 14 and 22 January 1982**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
BRÉSIL**

**Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif au commerce
des peaux tannées au sel, du cuir et des articles en cuir
manufacturés. Brasília, 14 et 22 janvier 1982**

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EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND BRAZIL CONCERNING TRADE IN SALTED CATTLE HIDES, LEATHER AND MANUFACTURED LEATHER PRODUCTS

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BRASILIA, BRAZIL

January 14, 1982

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

I am pleased to notify you of my Government's formal approval of the Hide Agreement between the United States and Brazil which was initialed on November 6, 1981, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. This takes the place of the Hide Agreement which expired on October 1, 1981.² The text of the new agreement follows: Quote:

Agreement Between the Governments of the
United States of America and Brazil
on Salted Cattle Hides, Leather
and Manufactured Leather
Products

In the interest of promoting the stability of the world market in cattled hides, leather and manufactured leather products, the delegations of Brazil and the United States arrived at the agreement described below:

This agreement is subject to formal approval of the respective Governments through the exchange of letters advising one another of their acceptance of the agreement. The agreement reads as follows:

1. The present agreement will enter into force no later than February 1, 1982, and will expire, unless extended by both Governments, on June 30, 1984. Discussions will resume prior to June 30, 1984.

2. While this agreement is in force, Brazil will apply a reduction of 50 percent in the 18 percent

¹ Came into force on 1 February 1982, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1267, p. 145.

F.O.B. export tax established by Resolution No. 636, of August 27, 1980, of the Central Bank of Brazil in the following manner:

February 1, 1982	14%
Prior to December 31, 1982	9%

3. The Government of Brazil expresses its belief that the liberalization of its exports of salted cattle hides should not disrupt the adequate domestic supply to the Brazilian leather industry.

4. The United States Government recognizes the importance of Brazil's steps towards liberalizing its exports of salted cattle hides and the need for Brazil to increase its exports of manufactured leather products. The United States Government also notes its own need to increase its exports of manufactured leather products.

5. The Government of Brazil states that the measure mentioned in paragraph 2 above is conditional to the United States not imposing additional restrictions on imports of manufactured leather products from Brazil during that period.

6. The Government of the United States takes note of the Brazilian decision with respect to the liberalization of exports of salted cattle hides and will avoid, within its existing legal authority, the imposition of any such additional restrictions, in the interest of preserving the present agreement.

7. Either Government will give prompt consideration to a request for consultations concerning the operation or effect of this agreement and such consultations will be held as soon as possible but no later than 15 (fifteen) days after such a request has been made.

8. This agreement is subject to termination, in whole or in part, upon notice. Unquote.

JOSE ARTUR DENOT MEDEIROS
for the Brazilian Delegation
H. JON ROSENBAUM
for the United States Delegation

Date: November 6, 1981.

This letter and your response will constitute formal approval of this agreement by the United States of America and Brazil.

Sincerely,

[Signed]

LANGHORNE A. MOTLEY
Ambassador

Mr. Carlos Viacava
Secretary General
Ministry of Finance
Brasilia, DF

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

January 22, 1982

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Mr. Ambassador:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 14, 1982, the official translation of which reads as follows:

[See note I]

In reply, I express the acceptance of my government of the terms of the agreement transcribed above, which shall enter into force on February 1, 1982.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed]

CARLOS VIACAVA
Secretary General
of the Ministry of Finance

His Excellency
Langhorne A. Motley
Ambassador of the United States of America

¹ Translation supplied by the Government of the United States of America.

² Traduction fournie par le Gouvernement des Etats-Unis d'Amérique.